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May 20, 2010

Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
395 East Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: CSXT Abandonment  
1<sup>st</sup> Street Lead, Graham Grain Lead, and International Paper  
Lead, Terre Haute, IN  
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 701X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Petition for Exemption filed on April 30, 2010 requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find copies of the following:

Letter dated April 21, 2010 from Mr. James A. Glass of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources ("INDNR") stating *"Based upon the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any historic buildings, structures, districts, or objects...."* CSXT is currently working with Ms. Cathy Draeger-Williams of the INDNR to mitigate the possibly affected locks on the towpath of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form dated April 27, 2010 from Mr. Ronald M. Hinsenkamp of the West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. stating *"No Environmental Impact"*.

Letter dated April 26, 2010 from Mr. Steve Witt of the Terre Haute Economic Development Corp. stating *"We fully support the proposed abandonment..."* and *"We also support CSXT's plan to abandon and reclassify...."*

Letter dated April 26, 2010 from The Board of Commissioners of Vigo County stating *"We fully support the proposed abandonment..."* and *"We also support CSXT's plan to abandon and reclassify...."*

Letter dated April 26, 2010 from Mr. Duke A. Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, stating *"We fully support the proposed abandonment..."* and *"We also support CSXT's plan to abandon and reclassify...."*

Letter dated April 28, 2010 from Mr. Daniel J. Bradley, President of Indiana State University, stating *"I am pleased to provide this letter of support...."*

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Ms. Kate Barney, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202  
Mr. Louis Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204



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April 21, 2010

Ray Magruder  
CSX Transportation  
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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Project information regarding the abandonment of 3.71 miles of rail line between milepost QST 1.42 (Park Avenue) to milepost QST 5.13 (Spring Hill) known as a portion of the 1st Street Lead, Graham Grain Lead, and the International Paper Lead (DHPA #9327)

Dear Mr. Magruder:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated March 19, 2010 and received on March 22, 2010, for the above indicated project in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Based upon the documentation available to the staff of the Indiana SHPO, we have not identified any historic buildings, structures, districts, or objects listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places within the probable area of potential effects.

In terms of archaeological resources, sites 12Vi801 (Lock #43) and 12Vi802 (Lock #44) are within the proposed project area. These sites must be avoided by all project activities or subjected to further archaeological review. It appears that the railroad is on the towpath of the Wabash and Erie Canal associated with the above locks. If project modifications are not feasible to avoid these sites, please provide the following clarification:

1. Thank you for the history of the rail company. Please provide more detailed information concerning the land use history of the rail line and the canal. How old are the current rails and ballast?
2. Provide photographs of the proposed project area with captions and keyed to a map.

Once the indicated information is received, the Indiana SHPO will resume identification and evaluation procedures for this project. Please keep in mind that additional information may be requested in the future.

*A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or [cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov). If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or [cslider@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:cslider@dnr.IN.gov). Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #9327.*

Very truly yours,

James A. Glass, Ph.D.  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

JAG:CDW:CWS:edw

cc: David C. Navecky, Environmental Protection Specialist, Surface Transportation Board

# CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 701X

Petition for Abandonment from Railroad Milepost QST 1.42 (Park Avenue) to Railroad Milepost QST 5.13 (Spring Hill) including the International Paper Lead, a distance of 3.71 miles known as a portion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Lead, Graham Grain Lead and the International Paper Lead in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

Agency response (check one):

☒ No Environmental Impact

☐ Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

General Comments & Remarks: This abandonment is consistent with established land use plans and

the Terre Haute – Vigo County Long Range Transportation Plan 2030 Update. However, the City of

Terre Haute and the Metropolitan Planning Organization would prefer that any reuse of the segment

from Railroad Milepost QST 1.42 (Park Avenue) to Railroad Milepost QST 2.77 (Helen Ave.),

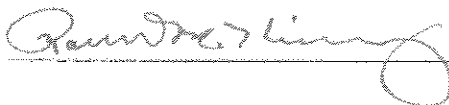
terminate at a point south of the intersection of First Street & Hulman Street (Railroad Milepost QST

1.85) instead of at Park Avenue. Please see the attached letter.

Date:

April 27, 2010

Signature:

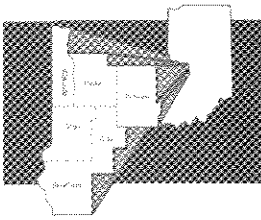


Name:

Ronald M. Hinsenkamp

Title:

Chief Transportation Planner  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
West Central Indiana Economic Development District



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April 26, 2010

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Mr. Ray Magruder  
Manager-Network Rationalization  
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Re: CSXT Letter, 3/10/2010, Abandonment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Graham Grain and International Paper Leads in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Magruder:

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment on the proposed 3.71 mile abandonment of the three CSXT Leads commonly known as 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Graham Grain and International Paper. As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Terre Haute and Vigo County, we appreciate CSXT's continuing commitment to work with us to find mutually beneficial solutions that help us build a safer and more efficient multimodal transportation network in this community.

We fully support the proposed abandonment of the 2.36 miles of the line from Railroad Milepost QST 2.77 (Helen Ave.) to Railroad Milepost QST 5.13 (Springhill) and to eventually place this abandoned section of line into the Rails-to-Trails Program. In fact, we have already identified this potentially abandoned section of track as the possible location for a new north-south segment of trail in our metropolitan planning area trails and greenways plan that is currently under development.

We also support CSXT's plan to abandon and reclassify the 1.35 mile section of track from Railroad Milepost QST 1.42 (Park Avenue) to Railroad Milepost QST 2.77 (Helen Ave.), and to lease or sell this segment to Gavilon Grain. However, like the City of Terre Haute, we prefer that any reuse of this segment terminate at a point south of the intersection of First Street & Hulman Street (Railroad Milepost QST 1.85) instead of at Park Avenue.

The intersection of First Street and Hulman Street is one of the most congested intersections in the City of Terre Haute. Therefore, we are currently working with city to develop a federally funded project to improve this intersection within the next 24 to 36 months. However, if the city has to continue to maintain an at-grade crossing (Crossing #542301S) at this intersection so trains can continue north to Parke Ave., the cost of the project could increase by as much as \$1.0 million. In addition, the range of improvements the city can make at this intersection will be severely restricted if they have to maintain this at-grade crossing.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Hinsenka  
Chief Transportation Planner  
Metropolitan Planning Organization



April 26, 2010

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Sincerely,

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Steve Witt  
President

ECONOMIC GROWTH  
A LEVEL ABOVE



## The Board of Commissioners of Vigo County

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Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District



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Sincerely,

Duke A. Bennett  
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More. From day one.

Office of the President

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April 28, 2010

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Dear Mr. Magruder,

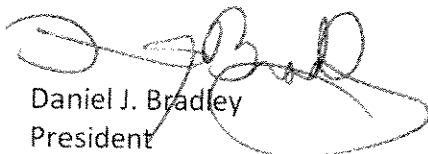
I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposed abandonment of 3.71 miles of the three CSXT Leads commonly known as 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Graham Grain and International Paper Leads. The abandonment and subsequent reconstruction of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street corridor would make a significant improvement in this area and complement the planning associated with the Riverscape project.

I also support CSXT's plan to abandon and reclassify the 1.35 mile section of track north of Helen Avenue, but agree with the city that any reuse of this segment terminate south of the intersection of First and Hulman streets.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (812) 237-4000 or by email at [president@indstate.edu](mailto:president@indstate.edu).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Bradley', written over the printed name and title.

Daniel J. Bradley  
President